

M I N U T E S  
October 26, 2005  
9:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Philip Jones, Commissioner  
Pat Oshie, Commissioner

The regular meeting of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission was called to order on October 26, 2005, by Commissioner Oshie.

E)1. 1-000 Consent Agenda

Disposition: Commissioner Jones moved to approve the consent agenda and direct the Secretary to sign orders and/or letters necessary to affect each action. Commissioner Oshie seconded the motion. The motion carried (2:0).

UTILITIES

A)1. 1-15 Docket Number UE-051162 Puget Sound Energy Draft Request for Proposals from all generation sources and electric and gas demand-side resources. Request for Proposal

Appearances: Hank McIntosh and Joelle Steward, staff; Christine Phillips, Roger Garret, and Jim Elsea, Puget Sound Energy

Disposition: Commissioner Jones moved to issue an Order approving the filing and allowing the Company to publish its all-technology and Demand Side Management (DSM) Request for Proposals (RFP). Commissioner Oshie seconded the motion. The motion carried (2:0).

A)2. 1-156 Docket Number UE-051527 Puget Sound Energy Less than statutory notice request to increase electric rates by \$5,839,200 (0.4 percent) due to the recent decision by the Internal Revenue Service that reversed the tax benefit of \$72 million that was treated as a reduction to rate base in the Commission's Order No. 06, Final Order Rejecting Tariff Sheets, Authorizing and Requiring Compliance Filing, Requiring Subsequent Filing in Docket Nos. UG-040640, UE-040641, UE-031471, and UE-032043. Tariff Revision Advice #: 2005-43

Appearances: James Russell, staff; Karl Karzmar, Puget Sound Energy; Ed Finklea, Northwest Industrial Users, John Story, DOC

Disposition: Commissioner Jones moved to issue an Order approving the accounting petition conditioned upon the Company's withdrawal of its proposed tariff filings in these dockets. Commissioner Oshie seconded the motion. The motion carried (2:0).

A)3. 1-156 Docket Number UG-051528 Puget Sound Energy Less than statutory notice request to increase natural gas rates by \$4,182,000 (0.6 percent) due to the recent decision by the Internal Revenue Service that reversed the tax benefit of \$72 million that was treated as a reduction to rate base in the Commission's Order No. 06, Final Order Rejecting Tariff Sheets, Authorizing and Requiring Compliance Filing, Requiring Subsequent Filing in Docket Nos. UG-040640, UE-040641, UE-031471, and UE-032043. Tariff Revision Advice #: 2005-44

Appearances: James Russell, staff; Karl Karzmar, Puget Sound Energy; Ed Finklea, Northwest Industrial Users; John Story, DOC

Disposition: Commissioner Oshie moved to issue an Order approving the accounting petition conditioned upon the Company's withdrawal of its proposed tariff filings in these dockets. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried (2:0).

A)4. 1-284 Docket Number UG-051372 Avista Corporation dba: Avista Utilities Revises rates for the effects of changes in purchased gas costs. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Mike Parvinen, staff; Jason Thackston, Avista Corporation

The Commission took no action, thereby allowing the substitute tariff sheets to become effective on November 1, 2005.

A)5. 1-387 Docket Number UG-051480 Cascade Natural Gas Corporation Revises rates for the effects of changes in purchased gas costs. Tariff Revision Advice #: CNG W05-09-2

Appearances: Joanna Huang and Roland Martin, staff; Jon Stoltz, Cascade Natural Gas Company

The Commission took no action, thereby allowing the tariff sheets to become effective on November 1, 2005.

A)6. 1-387 Docket Number UG-051483 Cascade Natural Gas Corporation Reflects changes in the amount of temporary technical adjustments affecting customer rates as a result of deferral account amortizations. Tariff Revision Advice #: W05-09-03

Appearances: Joanna Huang and Roland Martin, staff; Jon Stoltz, Cascade Natural Gas Company

The Commission took no action, thereby allowing the tariff sheets to become effective on November 1, 2005.

A)7. 2-114 Docket Number UG-051596 Northwest Natural Gas Company Less than statutory notice request to add a limited exception to the Election of Service provisions of Schedule T and adds clarifying language to sections of the Election of Service provisions. Tariff Revision Advice #: 05-06

Appearances: Jim Russell, staff; Ed Finklea, Northwest Industrial Users; Joe Kalinowski, Wafertech, Alex Miller, Northwest Natural Gas Company

Disposition: Commissioner Jones moved to approve the request for Less Than Statutory Notice to allow the proposed tariff revisions to Schedule T, Service Election, to become effective October 27, 2005. Commissioner Oshie seconded the motion. The motion carried (2:0).

A)8. 3-113 Docket Number UT-051498 Qwest Corporation Modifies certain provisions and eliminates other provisions of Customer Service Guarantee Program (CSGP). Tariff Revision Advice #: 3560T

Appearances: Tani Thurston, staff; Mary Kimball, Public Counsel; Mark Reynolds; Qwest Corporation

The Commission took no action, thereby allowing the tariff sheets to become effective.

A)9. 3-405 Docket Number UT-053053 Verizon Northwest Inc. BullsEye Telecom, Inc. Wholesale Advantage Commercial Agreement between Verizon Northwest Inc., and BullsEye Telecom, Inc. Commercial Agreement

Appearances: Deborah Reynolds, staff; Robert Millar, Verizon Northwest, Inc.

The Commission took no action on the commercial agreements.

A)10. 3-405 Docket Number UT-053054 Verizon Northwest Inc. Centel Communications, Inc. Wholesale Advantage Commercial Agreement between Verizon Northwest Inc., and Centel Communications, Inc. Commercial Agreement

Appearances: Deborah Reynolds, staff; Robert Millar, Verizon Northwest, Inc.

The Commission took no action on the commercial agreements.

A)11. 3-405 Docket Number UT-053055 Verizon Northwest Inc. Granite Telecommunications LLC Wholesale Advantage Commercial Agreement between Verizon Northwest Inc., and Granite Telecommunications, LLC Commercial Agreement

Appearances: Deborah Reynolds; Robert Millar, Verizon Northwest, Inc.

The Commission took no action on the commercial agreements.

A)12. 3-405 Docket Number UT-053056 Verizon Northwest Inc. Marathon Communications, Inc. Wholesale Advantage Commercial Agreement between Verizon Northwest Inc., and Marathon Communications, Inc. Commercial Agreement

Appearances: Deborah Reynolds; Robert Millar, Verizon Northwest, Inc.

The Commission took no action on the commercial agreements.

A)13. 3-405 Docket Number UT-053057 Verizon Northwest Inc. Wholesale Advantage Commercial Agreement between Verizon Northwest Inc., and MCI local exchange carriers. Commercial Agreement

Appearances: Deborah Reynolds; Robert Millar, Verizon Northwest, Inc.

The Commission took no action on the commercial agreements.

A)14. 3-405 Docket Number UT-053058 Verizon Northwest Inc. MCIMetro Access Transmission Services, LLC Wholesale Advantage Commercial Agreement between Verizon Northwest Inc., and MCIMetro Access Transmission Services, LLC, MCIMetro Access Transmission Services of Virginia, Inc., and Intermedia Communications, LLC. Commercial Agreement

Appearances: Deborah Reynolds, staff; Robert Millar, Verizon Northwest, Inc.

The Commission took no action on the commercial agreements.

A)15. 3-405 Docket Number T-053059 Verizon Northwest Inc. Tel West Communications, LLC Wholesale Advantage Commercial Agreement between Verizon Northwest Inc., and Tel West Communications, LLC. Commercial Agreement

Appearances: Deborah Reynolds, staff; Robert Millar, Verizon Northwest, Inc.

The Commission took no action on the commercial agreements.

A)16. 3-405 Docket Number UT-053060 Verizon Northwest Inc. Tel West Network Services Corporation Wholesale Advantage Commercial Agreement between Verizon Northwest Inc., and Tel West Network Services Corporation. Commercial Agreement

Appearances: Deborah Reynolds, staff; Robert Millar, Verizon Northwest, Inc.

The Commission took no action on the commercial agreements.

A)17. 3-405 Docket Number UT-053061 Verizon Northwest Inc. Trinsic Communications, Inc. Wholesale Advantage Commercial Agreement between Verizon Northwest Inc., and Trinsic Communications, Inc. Commercial Agreement

Appearances: Deborah Reynolds, staff; Robert Millar, Verizon Northwest, Inc.

The Commission took no action on the commercial agreements.

A)18. 3-405 Docket Number UT-053062 Verizon Northwest Inc. United Communications, Inc. dba: UNICOM Wholesale Advantage Commercial Agreement between Verizon Northwest Inc., and United Communications, Inc. Commercial Agreement

Appearances: Deborah Reynolds; Robert Millar, Verizon Northwest, Inc.

The Commission took no action on the commercial agreements.

A)19. 3-405 Docket Number UT-053064 Verizon Northwest Inc. 1-800 Reconex, Inc. Wholesale Advantage Commercial Agreement between Verizon Northwest Inc., and 1-800-Reconex, Inc. Commercial Agreement

Appearances: Deborah Reynolds, staff; Robert Millar, Verizon Northwest, Inc.

The Commission took no action on the commercial agreements.

A)20. 3-405 Docket Number UT-053065 Verizon Northwest Inc. ACN Communication Services, Inc. Wholesale Advantage Commercial Agreement between Verizon Northwest Inc., and ACN Communications Services, Inc. Commercial Agreement

Appearances: Deborah Reynolds, staff; Robert Millar, Verizon Northwest, Inc.

The Commission took no action on the commercial agreements.

A)21. 3-405 Docket Number UT-053066 Verizon Northwest Inc. Budget Phone, Inc. Wholesale Advantage Commercial Agreement between Verizon Northwest Inc., and Budget Phone, Inc. Commercial Agreement

Appearances: Deborah Reynolds, staff; Robert Millar, Verizon Northwest, Inc.

The Commission took no action on the commercial agreements.

A)22. 3-405 Docket Number UT-053067 Verizon Northwest Inc. dPi Teleconnect, L.L.C. Wholesale Advantage Commercial Agreement between Verizon Northwest Inc., and dPi Teleconnect, L.L.C. Commercial Agreement

Appearances: Deborah Reynolds, staff; Robert Millar, Verizon Northwest, Inc.

The Commission took no action on the commercial agreements.

A)23. 3-405 Docket Number UT-053068 Verizon Northwest Inc. Ernest Communications, Inc. Wholesale Advantage Commercial Agreement between Verizon Northwest Inc., and Ernest Communications, Inc. Commercial Agreement

Appearances: Deborah Reynolds, staff; Robert Millar, Verizon Northwest, Inc.

The Commission took no action on the commercial agreements.

A)24. 3-405 Docket Number UT-053069 Verizon Northwest Inc. Eschelon Telecom of Washington, Inc. Wholesale Advantage Commercial Agreement between Verizon Northwest Inc., and Eschelon Telecom of Washington, Inc. Commercial Agreement

Appearances: Deborah Reynolds, staff; Robert Millar, Verizon Northwest, Inc.

The Commission took no action on the commercial agreements.

A)25. 3-405 Docket Number UT-053070 Verizon Northwest Inc. Preferred Long Distance, Inc. Wholesale Advantage Commercial Agreement between Verizon Northwest Inc., and Preferred Long Distance, Inc. Commercial Agreement

Appearances: Deborah Reynolds, staff; Robert Millar, Verizon Northwest, Inc.

The Commission took no action on the commercial agreements.

A)26. 3-485 Docket Number UW-051444 Kayak Estates Water, LLC General rate increase for the Company of an additional \$49,746 (36.8 percent) per year. The water system is located near Stanwood and serves approximately 358 residential customers. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Jim Ward, staff

Disposition: Commissioner Jones moved to issue a complaint and order suspending the tariff revision. Commissioner Oshie seconded the motion. The motion carried (2:0).

#### TRANSPORTATION:

B)1. 3-532 Docket Number TG-051235 Yakima Waste Systems, Inc. Revises Tariff No. 9, reflecting a general rate increase of \$476,198 (7.66 percent) annually. Company provides solid waste service throughout the greater Yakima area. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Gene Eckhardt, staff; Brad Lovaas, Washington Refuse and Recycling

Disposition: Commissioner Jones moved to issue a complaint and order suspending the tariff revision. Commissioner Oshie seconded the motion. The motion carried (2:0).

B)2. 4-14 Docket Number TG-051586 Bainbridge Disposal, Inc. Less than statutory notice request to revise Tariff No. 14, reflecting the addition of Special Fuel Surcharge Supplement No. 1. Petition

Appearances: Gene Eckhardt, staff; Brad Lovaas, Washington Refuse and Recycling

Disposition: Commissioner Jones moved to direct the Secretary to sign the order approving the proposed fuel surcharge filing to become effective

November 1, 2005, on less than statutory notice. Commissioner Oshie seconded the motion. The motion carried (2:0).

B)3. 4-14 Docket Number TG-051587 Hearn, William D. dba: Bingen Garbage Service Less than statutory notice request to revise Tariff No. 12, reflecting the addition of Special Fuel Surcharge Supplement No. 1. Petition

Appearances: Gene Eckhardt, staff; Brad Lovaas, Washington Refuse and Recycling

Disposition: Commissioner Jones moved to direct the Secretary to sign the order approving the proposed fuel surcharge filing to become effective November 1, 2005, on less than statutory notice. Commissioner Oshie seconded the motion. The motion carried (2:0).

B)4. 4-14 Docket Number TG-051588 Skamania County Sanitary Service, Inc. Less than statutory notice request to revise Tariff No. 7, reflecting the addition of Special Fuel Surcharge Supplement No. 1. Petition

Appearances: Gene Eckhardt, staff; Brad Lovaas, Washington Refuse and Recycling

Disposition: Commissioner Jones moved to direct the Secretary to sign the order approving the proposed fuel surcharge filing to become effective November 1, 2005, on less than statutory notice. Commissioner Oshie seconded the motion. The motion carried (2:0).

B)5. 4-14 Docket Number TG-051589 Methow Valley Sanitation Service, Inc. Less than statutory notice request to revise Tariff No. 8, reflecting the addition of Special Fuel Surcharge Supplement No. 1. Petition

Appearances: Gene Eckhardt, staff; Brad Lovaas, Washington Refuse and Recycling

Disposition: Commissioner Jones moved to direct the Secretary to sign the order approving the proposed fuel surcharge filing to become effective November 1, 2005, on less than statutory notice. Commissioner Oshie seconded the motion. The motion carried (2:0).

B)6. 4-14 Docket Number TG-051592 Mason County Garbage Co., Inc dba: Mason County Garbage Less than statutory notice request to revise Tariff No. 13, reflecting the addition of Special Fuel Surcharge Supplement No. 1. Petition

Appearances: Gene Eckhardt, staff; Brad Lovaas, Washington  
Refuse and Recycling

Disposition: Commissioner Jones moved to direct the Secretary to sign the order approving the proposed fuel surcharge filing to become effective November 1, 2005, on less than statutory notice. Commissioner Oshie seconded the motion. The motion carried (2:0).

B)7. 4-14 Docket Number TG-051593 Island Disposal, Inc. Less than statutory notice request to revise Tariff No. 8, reflecting the addition of Special Fuel Surcharge Supplement No. 1. Petition

Appearances: Gene Eckhardt, staff; Brad Lovaas, Washington  
Refuse and Recycling

Disposition: Commissioner Jones moved to direct the Secretary to sign the order approving the proposed fuel surcharge filing to become effective November 1, 2005, on less than statutory notice. Commissioner Oshie seconded the motion. The motion carried (2:0).

B)8. 4-14 Docket Number TG-051594 Empire Disposal, Inc. Less than statutory notice request to revise Tariff No. 12, reflecting the addition of Special Fuel Surcharge Supplement No. 1. Petition

Appearances: Gene Eckhardt, staff; Brad Lovaas, Washington  
Refuse and Recycling

Disposition: Commissioner Jones moved to direct the Secretary to sign the order approving the proposed fuel surcharge filing to become effective November 1, 2005, on less than statutory notice. Commissioner Oshie seconded the motion. The motion carried (2:0).

## OTHER

C)1. 4-90 Docket Number UT-051261 Consideration of whether to file a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (CR-102) with the Code Reviser relating to WAC 480-140-020, which requires large telecommunications companies file annual budget reports. Rulemaking

Appearances: Betty Erdahl, staff

The Commission directed the Secretary to file a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (CR102) with the office of the Code Reviser proposing to eliminate the requirement of WAC 480-140-020 that telecommunications companies and water companies file budgets with the Commission.

C)2. 4-90 Docket Number UW-051287 Consideration of whether to file a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (CR-102) with the Code Reviser relating to WAC 480-140-020, which requires large water companies file annual budget reports. Rulemaking

Appearances: Betty Erdahl

The Commission directed the Secretary to file a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (CR102) with the office of the Code Reviser proposing to eliminate the requirement of WAC 480-140-020 that telecommunications companies and water companies file budgets with the Commission.

The meeting recessed at 12:05 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

RECESSED

D)1. 4-111 Docket Number UT-051299 The Commission will hear a presentation on the Washington State E911 network by representatives of the Military Department, Emergency Management Division. 4-436 Petition of Emergency Management for a continuation of the state E911 wireline excise tax of \$0.20 for 2006. Petition

Appearances: Rebecca Beaton, staff; Robert Oenning, E-911 Program Office

Disposition: Commissioner Jones moved to grant the petition by the Military Department, Emergency Management Division, E911 Program Office, to continue the state E911 excise tax at the current rate of twenty cents through 2006. Commissioner Oshie seconded the motion. The motion carried (2:0).

The meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Attested by \_\_\_\_\_  
Carole J. Washburn, Secretary